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Judiciary Committee Public Hearing  
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**S.B. 347, An Act Establishing a Program for Court Appointed Special  
Advocates in Certain Juvenile Court Matters**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding *S.B. 347, An Act Establishing a Program for Court Appointed Special Advocates in Certain Juvenile Court Matters*. The Judicial Branch has concerns with the bill as proposed.

The Judicial Branch currently funds two entities which provide the services outlined in the bill before you. The entities with which we contract are Children in Placement and Child Advocates of Southwest Connecticut. During these extraordinarily difficult fiscal times, we cannot support program expansions that would impact the budget.

We thank you for your time and attention to this matter.